



What is the Konza Prairie?

Konza Prairie is an 8,600-acre tallgrass prairie preserve nestled in the Flint Hills of Kansas. It is a world-renowned biological field station dedicated to research, education and conservation of the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Konza Prairie Biological Station is not public land. It is jointly owned by The Nature Conservancy and Kansas State University, managed by K-State's Division of Biology.

What is Friends of the Konza Prairie?

Friends of Konza Prairie (FOKP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of the Konza Prairie, with emphasis on the Konza Environmental Education Program (KEEP). As a member, your contributions are tax-deductible.

How is my membership contribution used?

Funds from memberships and other fundraising activities are used to support the Konza Environmental Education Program, including contributing to salaries, equipment and infrastructure needs, as approved by the FOKP Board, Konza Director and KEEP Director of Education.

Connecting people to the prairie:

FOKP works to connect people to the endangered tallgrass prairie through the work done at the Konza Prairie Biological Station. Members are invited out to the prairie for events throughout the year where they get a chance to learn more about the prairie and the research occurring at the site.

Want to learn more?

To learn more about Konza Prairie and the Friends of Konza Prairie or to see our calendar of events, visit the KPBS website at kpbs.konza.ksu.edu or the education program website at keep.konza.ksu.edu or call 785-587-0441.

What's in it for me?

- Members of the Friends of Konza Prairie are invited to partate in the following annual events:
 - **January** - Cure for Cabin Fever. Our winter event where we have live music and a guest speaker along with a buffet of homemade soups to warm us up. All of this occurs in the Konza Prairie stone barn.
 - **June** - Wildflower Walk. At the peak of the spring wildflower season, FOKP members are invited out to Konza headquarters to participate in a hike guided by docent volunteers.
 - **September** - FOKP Annual Meeting and Bison Event. At the peak of the autumnal beauty of the prairie, we invite you to join us at the Annual Meeting, followed by a bison burger bbq, that is then followed by a driving tour of the Konza Prairie bison area. It is a truly magical experience, and one only available for FOKP members.
- As a member you'll also receive the *Bison & Bluestem* newsletter, which contains articles about research at Konza Prairie as well as updates about the education and volunteer programs. With regular articles from the director of the Konza Prairie Biological Station and the president of the Friends of Konza Prairie, you'll have all of the latest Konza Prairie information!

Directions to Konza Prairie

- From I-70:** Take exit 307 Travel 4.5 miles north on McDowell Creek Road to the main entrance at Konza Prairie Lane, on the right.
- From the north:** Take Highway K-177 south from Manhattan. Cross the Kansas River Bridge and take an immediate right turn onto McDowell Creek Road (Riley County Road 901). Travel 6 miles to the main entrance at Konza Prairie Lane, on the left.

How can I join Friends of the Konza Prairie?

Online: Go to keep.konza.k-state.edu/fokp/. Click on the Friends of Konza Prairie link. Click on the "Become a Member" link. This link can also be used to renew memberships.

By mail: Fill out the membership application on the back of this brochure and mail it to: Friends of Konza Prairie, Kansas State University, Division of Biology, 116 Ackert Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-4901.

Corporate sponsorships

By partnering with the Konza Prairie, corporations can aid students with financial assistance, receive brand recognition and demonstrate corporate responsibility by investing in longterm ecological research, education and prairie conservation.

Please contact Director John Blair at jblair@ksu.edu to become a corporate sponsor.